

August 1, 2003

The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair  
House Water and Power Subcommittee  
1522 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Via fax: 202.226.6953

The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member  
House Water and Power Subcommittee  
1522 Longworth House Office Building  
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Via fax: 202.225.0027

Re: Castaic Lake Water Agency Support for HR 2828

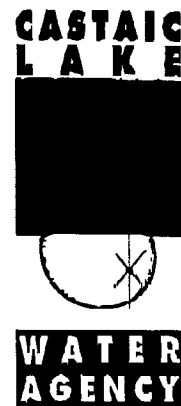
Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano,

The Castaic Lake Water Agency is pleased to support your HR 2828, the landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.

The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the Agency's service area (the Santa Clarita Valley), CALFED's implementation will improve water supply reliability and water quality.

It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year and we appreciate your commitment to moving the process along. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta and the Klamath River. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and water recycling. Moving forward with a grants program for desalination and recycling will complement the CALFED Program and build upon the proven successes of these projects.



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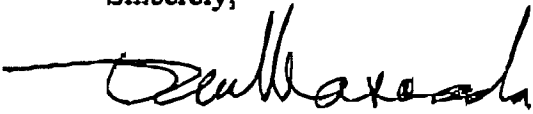
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Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828.  
Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Masnada", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Dan Masnada  
General Manager

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